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(54) Title: METHOD FOR SCREENING MODULATORS OF MITOCHONDRIAL FUNCTIONING

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for screening modulators of mitochondrial function comprising adding a compound to be tested in a purified, isolated mitochondria preparation and simultaneously using fluorimetric analysis of mitochondrial morphology, and especially real-time fluorimetric analysis, combining analysis of morphometric parameters (SSC/FSC parameters) with analysis of membrane integrity by dye fluorescence. Application to the obtention of peptides which induce mitochondrial membrane permeabilization.

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1. claims: 1-9 (fully)

1) methods for screening modulators of mitochondrial function (claims 1-9 fully).

2. claims: 10-12 (partially)

Synthetic peptides that induce cell death of various cell types (SEQ ID No 2-4,8,9,12-18,36-41).

3. claims: 10-12 (partially)

Synthetic peptides that induce cell death of adenocarcinoma cell lines (SEQ ID NO 10,11,24-35,42-53)

4. claims: 10-12 (partially)

Synthetic peptides that induce cell death of HUVECs (SEQ ID NO 5,20-23,54-57).

5. claims: 10,11 (partially)

Synthetic peptide according to SEQ ID No 1 as modulator of mitochondrial function.

6. claims: 10,11 (partially)

Synthetic peptide according to SEQ ID No 6 as modulator of mitochondrial function.

7. claims: 10,11 (partially)

Synthetic peptide according to SEQ ID No 7 as modulator of mitochondrial function.

8. claims: 10,12 (partially)

Synthetic peptide according to SEQ ID No 19 as modulator of mitochondrial function
